Publication of Forecast Figures of Crops in the State.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. 42-1, dated 23rd September 1931, from the Secretary, Agricultural Development Committee, on the subject of the publication of the All-India Cotton Forecasts in the Mysore State, stating that it was decided at the meeting of the Agricultural Development Committee held on 12th September 1931 that the Revenue Commissioner may be requested to arrange to publish the forecast figures of the crops noted in the margin on the notice board of his office and send a copy to the Superintendent, Government Printing, for publication in the Gazette, one copy being arranged to be laid on the Press Table and that the same officer will also arrange to send copies to the Director of Agriculture and the Director of Industries and Commerce which latter officer has kindly consented to send copies to the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' Association and the local newspapers, etc.

Cotton, Sugarcane, Castor, Paddy, Coffee.

ORDER NO. D. 2321-4—STCS. 39-30-12, DATED 13TH NOVEMBER 1931.

Government are pleased to approve of the above proposals. The Director-General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, has been requested to furnish the All-India Cotton Forecast Figures to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore who is requested to make necessary arrangements for their display as per Resolution of the Agricultural Development Committee.

B. T. KESAVA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

Retrenchment and Surrenders in the Budget of the Gardens Department for 1931-32.

READ—

Recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee regarding the reduction in the Budget of the Gardens Department.

2. Government Order No. E. 1998-9—G. G. 70-30-5, dated 6th June 1931, directing that a sum of Rs. 1,000 only be provided in the Budget of 1931-32 for the purchase of specimens and other special charges of the Government Museum instead of Rs. 3,000 as usual.

3. Government letter No. 2193—G. G. 71-30-11, dated 19th June 1931, to the Comptroller, directing the omission from the budget of the provision of Rs. 175 plus C. A. Rs. 20 per mensem, made for the post of Assistant in the Gardens Department ordered to be kept vacant.

4. Government Order No. Fl. 1795-1850—G. F. 54-31-1, dated 14th September 1931, issuing further instructions for effecting economies in the budget grants of 1931-32.

5. Correspondence ending with letter No. 53, dated the 21st September 1931, from the Director of Horticulture in the matter of possible retrenchments in his department during the year 1931-32.

ORDER NO. E. 1756-8—G. G. 71-30-16, DATED 7TH NOVEMBER 1931.

The Director has forwarded two statements, one of items from the current year's budget of his department, from which savings to the extent of Rs. 14,465 could be effected and the other of extra grants aggregating Rs. 7,695-13-8 absolutely necessary to pay up pending bills and to carry on the work of certain sections of the Department. Out of the amount of Rs. 14,465 proposed for retrenchment, a sum of Rs. 5,165 has already been ordered to be reduced in Government Orders, dated 6th June 1931 and 14th September 1931 and letter of General Secretary, dated 19th June 1931 read above. The actual amount now surrendered by the Director is therefore only Rs. 9,300. Against this, the Director wants extra grants to the extent of Rs. 7,700.

Government are pleased to direct that the above surrenders be accepted. As regards the extra grants asked for, the question will be further examined and separate orders

will issue for the necessary reappropriation of funds. Pending such orders, the Director of Horticulture is requested not to incur any expenditure from the above savings. A statement of savings to be effected in budget grant of the Department for 1931-32, as approved by Government, is appended to this order.

B. T. KESAVA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

Statement showing the items of grants from which savings can be effected during 1931-32.

Items of Heads	Budget allotment	Amount proposed to be surrendered	Remarks
2. BOTANICAL AND OTHER PUBLIC GARDENS.	Rs.	Rs.	
(i) Superintendence—			
(1) (1) Pay of the Assistant to the Garden Department under Technical Establishment.	2,340	2,340	Already retrenched (Page 227 of the Budget.)
(2) Travelling allowance to officers and establishment.	3,300	825	As per G. O. Fl. 1795-1850—G. F. 54-31-1, dated 14th September 1931, deducted 25 per cent.
(iii) BOTANICAL GARDENS, LAL-BAGH, BANGALORE.			
(1) N. P. Labour, Lal-Bagh	7,080	1,000	
(2) Special charges—Cooly labour and other special charges.	2,000	1,000	
(3) Menagerie and Aviary	2,500	500	
(4) Maintenance of roads and buildings ..	3,000	..	
(5) Contingencies	4,500	500	
(6) Urgent repairs to roads	1,500	500	
(iv) PARKS AND MINOR GARDENS.			
(1) Non-Pensionable Labour	25,101	2,000	
(2) Improvements and other charges ..	18,000	2,800	
(v) NEW MANSION GROUNDS.			
(1) Maintenance charges	5,000	1,000	
MUSEUM 24—SCIENTIFIC—3 MUSEUM.			
(1) Purchase of specimens and other special charges.	3,000	2,000	Already reduced, *vide* G. O. E. 1998-9—G. G. 70-30-5, dated 6th June 1931, App. P. 8 B. Page 227 of the Budget.
Total ..	77,321	14,465	

GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Village Courts.

READ—

Letter No. P. 32, dated 9th October 1931, from the Registrar, High Court, forwarding a copy of the brief review on the working of the Village Munsiffs' Courts during the year 1930-31.

ORDER No. P. 2573-82—CTS. 78-31-2, DATED 7TH NOVEMBER 1931.

Recorded.

2. Out of 190 courts in existence, it is observed that only 90 courts tried cases. No suits were filed in 100 courts and 19 courts did not do any work even though some suits were pending on their file. The reasons for the dormant condition of so many courts require investigation and it is hoped that the Deputy Commissioners who are reported to be examining the question of improving the village courts or abolishing such of the courts as cannot be brought into working order, will forward their reports early.

It is, however, a gratifying feature that the disposals have increased by 56 suits, being 1,990 against 1,934 in the previous year and the pendency has decreased from 811 to 750.

The rules regarding the custody, arrangement and distribution of records have to be strictly observed. It is only in the Districts of Bangalore, Kolar, Shimoga and Kadur, that the rules are reported to have been observed. The Deputy Commissioners of other Districts are once again requested to see that the rules are strictly enforced in all the courts.

Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to see that greater attention is paid by themselves and the Sub-Division Officers and Amildars in the matter of supervising the work of these courts and guiding the Village Munsiffs with a view to make these institutions more useful, popular and efficient.

H. V. RAMASVAMI,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Working of the Stamp Department for the year 1930-31.

READ—

Letter No. Per 25—30-31, dated 1st October 1931, from the Commissioner of Stamps, forwarding the Annual Report on the working of the Stamp Department for the year 1930-31.

ORDER THEREON No. FL. 3377-87—ST. 15-31-3, DATED 13—14TH NOVEMBER 1931.

Recorded.

2. There was a sharp decline in revenue from Rs. 22,17,542 of the previous year to Rs. 20,40,312 in the year under review. The decrease (Rs. 1,77,230) was mainly due to the fall in the sale of General and Hundi Stamps on account of unfavourable seasonal conditions, trade depression and tightness of the money market.

3. It is observed, that out of a total demand of Rs. 92,419 under institution fees awarded in pauper suits, a sum of Rs. 7,302 only was recovered and that the balance exclusive of remission granted yet to be recovered was Rs. 81,019. The Commissioner of Stamps is requested to issue necessary instructions for the prompt realization of all recoverable arrears.

4. Government note that the working of the Department during the year was satisfactory.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.